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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: THIRD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

PROCEEDINGS-FINAL DAY, OCTOBER 4, 1974

BEGIN SUMMARY LAST DAY OF THIRD PREPCOM MEETING WAS SPENT
IN PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH REVIEW OF COMMITTEE REPORT,
WHICH WAS ADOPTED END OF DAY. VENEZUELA'S PUBLIC LETTER
TO PRESIDENT FOR NOTED IN PREPCOM REPORT AT
INSISTENCE G-77. END SUMMARY.

1. THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSION OF TERMINOLOGY TO
BE USED WITH RESPECT TO COMMITTEE ACTION ON REPORT OF
WORKING PARTY. MUCH DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER TO ADOPT
REPORT. FINALLY, ADOPTED WITH AGREEMENT THAT WOULD
NOT BE OPENED FOR FURTHER AMENDMENTS WITH EXCEPTION
OF MINOR NOTATIONS MADE BY FRANCE AND ARGENTINA.

2. IN FINAL MOMENTS OF PLENARY, ARGENTINA, ON BEHALF

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OF LATING AMERICAN GROUP, SUPPORTED BY MEXICO ON BEHALF

OF G-77, PROPOSED THEIR ENDORSEMENT OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD, DISTRIBUTED AT PREPCOM BY VENEZUELA, BE INCLUDED IN REPORT. US DELEGATION OBJECTED SAYING DISCUSSION THIS MATTER NOT APPROPRIATE PREPCOM. CHAIRMAN NOTED CORRECTNESS OF US DELEGATE'S OBJECTION, BUT VARIOUS G-77 DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED ARGENTINA'S POSITION. WEIGHT OF NUMBERS PREVAILED.

3. AUSTRALIA, FOLLOWED BY PAKISTAN AND OTHERS, SHARPLY CRITICIZED CONFERENCE SERVICES, INCLUDING INADEQUACY OF UN INTERPRETER SERVICE, WHICH PREVENTED, FOR EXAMPLE, HOLDING OF CONCURRENT MEETINGS OF DIFFERENC GROUPS.

4. AT LAST MEETING OF GROUP B COUNTRIES FRIDAY NOON, CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT G-77 OPPOSING 2 RAPORTEURS BEING SOUGHT BY GROUP B FOR WFC. GROUP B DECIDED HOLD TIGHT AND LET MATTER BE RESOLVED AT CONFERENCE IF G-77 REMAINS INTRANSIGENT. (MATTER STILL PENDING CLOSE OF FINAL SESSION.) GROUP B WILL WORK TOWARD FOLLOWING OFFICERS ON WFC BUREAU. VICE PRESIDENT (CANADA), RAPORTEUR COMMITTEE I (NORDIC COUNTRY), RAPORTEUR COMMITTEE 3 (EC COUNTRY), VICE CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE I (EC COUNTRY), VICE CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE II (USA) AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE III (JAPAN).

5. GROUP B CHAIRMAN REPORTED POSSIBILITY THAT CREDENTIALS OF SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION MAY BE CHALLENGED AT WFC. ALSO REPORTED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL WILL NOT OFFICIALLY OFFER ANY PROPOSAL IN LIEU OF HIS WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY BUT INFORMAL PAPER WITH ALTERNATIVE, WITHOUT STATUS, MAY BE CIRCULATED FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES THROUGH GROUP B CHAIRMAN. THIS REPORTED EARLIER BY SEPTEL. NOTHING NEW RECEIVED BY END OF MEETING. END
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